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UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY, WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION

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System of Arrangement: Files were to some extent arranged by a previous processor, Cora Teel, an archivist at Morrow Library who was also a member of the U.D.C. No finding aid was completed at that time, though. Her system of arrangement has been generally maintained. Materials are divided into series by specific Chapters, records, and UDC WV division organization materials.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

An organization open to women who could prove their direct lineage to Confederate soldiers or Confederate supporters during the American Civil War of 1861-1865, the United Daughters of the Confederacy was founded in 1894 in an attempt to not only honor and memorialize the Confederacy, but to promote Lost Cause ideology and the Civil War as a struggle over states' rights. Daughters raised money to build monuments and to take care of Confederate veterans and their families, donated educational materials which coincided with their views of the Civil War (which they preferred to call "The War Between the States") and Southern history to schools and libraries, and worked to ensure the preservation of Confederate, often white, culture. The Daughters organized themselves into Chapters in cities and counties, often naming their Chapters after local or famous Confederate heroes. State and national UDC groups of elected officers held annual meetings, and the organization was increasingly popular among elite and upper-class Southern women during the first half of the twentieth century.¹ Because lineage had to be proven, the Daughters kept extensive genealogical records of Confederate veterans and their families, and before the advent of ancestry websites and services, the UDC was a popular organization for tracing a person's ancestors. As time passed, the UDC sought to honor its "Real Daughters" (those children of Confederate veterans) and later, its "Real Granddaughters" by creating special groups within the organization. As of the time of this writing, the West Virginia Division of the UDC is still active.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of materials from the West Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and includes material from individual city and county chapters, as well as the larger state organization. Series I contains information from individual chapters, including membership applications, demits (paperwork required for a member to transfer to a different chapter), minutes of meetings, chapter records, and a variety of printed material such as meeting pamphlets and newsletters. Some records of Children of the Confederacy chapters are also found in this series. The materials of the Huntington Chapter #150 were originally contained in a binder. The papers have been removed from the binder, but kept in their plastic sleeves. The

¹ Karen L. Cox, *Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture* (Gainesville: The University Press of Florida, 2003).

Border Rangers Chapter #2580 materials were also originally contained within a binder as an organization booklet, but the papers have since been removed and placed in folders. Year books from the Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333 were glued onto pages which were probably contained in a scrapbook at some point, but at the time of processing, the pages were no longer bound together and the year books were cut out due to deterioration of the paper to which they had been glued. Series II contains the records of a variety of WV Chapters. Similar records have been kept together and are divided by Chapter. These records include applications and demits, chapter member rosters, and individual member cards. Series III contains mainly WV Division records, and includes annual meeting programs, minutes, reports, and other materials related to the organization on a division, rather than chapter, level. Some of these materials were removed from pronged folders to prevent future rust damage from metal prongs. In other instances, original folders containing materials were kept, as they had lists of attendees written on them. Many of these materials have been arranged chronologically, although some organization by the previous archivist, Cora Teel, was maintained.

I. **Series I: Chapters**

a. Box 1: Charleston Chapter #151

Folder 1: Charleston Chapter #151, Membership Applications and Demits

Folder 2: Charleston Chapter #151, Membership Applications and Demits

Folder 3: Charleston Chapter #151, Membership Applications and Demits

Folder 4: Charleston Chapter #151, Membership Applications and Demits

Folder 5: Charleston Chapter #151, Membership Applications and Demits

Folder 6: Fragile Applications, Charleston #151

Folder 7: Correspondence, Newsletters, etc.; Charleston Chapter #151

Scrapbook Donated by Pamela Steele

b. Box 2: McNeill Chapter #948, Keyser, West Virginia

Folder 1: McNeill Chapter Correspondence

Folder 2: McNeill Chapter Minutes, 1949-1962

Folder 3: McNeill Chapter Yearbooks, Various, 1942-1957

Folder 4: McNeill Chapter, Crosses of Honor

Folder 5: McNeill Chapter, Group Picture

Folder 6: Roll Book, 1925-1944

Folder 7: Roll Call, McNeill Chapter, 1946-1955

Folder 8: Cash Book, McNeill Chapter, 1908-1929

Folder 9: McNeill Chapter Minutes, 1925-1933

Folder 10: Minute Book, 1933-1940
Folder 11: McNeill Chapter Minutes, 1940-1942

c. Box 3: St. Albans Chapter #1697

Folder 1: Children of the Confederacy applications, St. Albans
Folder 2: St. Albans Chapter #1697, Membership Applications
Folder 3: Mrs. Harry White correspondence
Folder 4: St. Albans Chapter, Member List & Dues, 1919-1926
Folder 5: St. Albans Chapter #1697, Reports from various years, 1952-1965
Folder 6: St. Albans Chapter Year Books, Constitution and By-Laws, Programs
Folder 7: St. Albans Chapter, Receipts, Headstone Marker Applications
Folder 8: St. Albans Chapter Bank Statements 1978-1983
Folder 9: Chapter Receipts, etc. (either Charleston or St. Albans-unknown)

d. Box 4: Huntington Chapter #150 and Barboursville Border Rangers Chapter #2580

Folder 1: "A Confederate Memorial" Article Copy
Folder 2: Huntington Chapter #150, 1999 Minutes & Newspaper Articles
Folder 3: Huntington Chapter #150, 2000 Minutes & Correspondence
Folder 4: Huntington Chapter #150, 2001 Minutes & Reports
Folder 5: Huntington Chapter #150, 2002 Minutes & Reports
Folder 6: Huntington Chapter #150, 2003 Minutes, Reports, and Correspondence
Folder 7: Huntington Chapter #150, 2004 Minutes, Reports, and Programs
Folder 8: Huntington Chapter #150, 2006 Calendar
Folder 9: Border Rangers Chapter #2580 Amendments & By-Laws
Folder 10: Border Rangers Chapter #2580 Budget and Treasurer's Reports, 2004-2005
Folder 11: Border Rangers Chapter #2580 Yearly Newsletters 2000-2005
Folder 12: Border Rangers Chapter #2580, Correspondence, Programs, Pamphlets, and other Ephemera
Folder 13: Border Rangers Chapter #2580, 2004-2006 Organization Booklet

e. Box 5: Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333

Folder 1: Betty Dakan Correspondence
Folder 2: B. Dakan Correspondence; Tim Laakso
Folder 3: Dakan: Obituaries
Folder 4: Betty Dakan- cards, notes, ephemera
Folder 5: Mirth H. Kuhl Correspondence
Folder 6: Stonewall Jackson Chapter Newspaper Articles
Folder 7: Stonewall Jackson Chapter, Meeting Minutes and Miscellaneous Papers, most undated

Folder 8: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Book of Record, 1911-1916
Folder 9: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Book of Record 1911-1917
Folder 10: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Minutes 1916-1930
Folder 11: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Minutes 1930-1938
Folder 12: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Minutes 1938-1944, 17 July
Folder 13: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Minutes 1944-1951
Folder 14: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Minutes 1951-1957
Folder 15: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Minutes 1957-1961
Folder 16: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Minutes 1963-1979
Folder 17: Account Book 1914-1930, Stonewall Jackson Chapter
Folder 18: Receipts and Minutes Book, 1916-1949, not continuous
Folder 19: Receipt and Balance Book, Approximately 1932-1976
Folder 20: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333 Dues, 1919-1986
Folder 21: Julia Jackson Ch. Children of the Confederacy #7, Application Papers
Folder 22: Julia Jackson Chapter Children of the Confederacy #7 Rosters

f. Box 6: Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333

Folder 1: "Important Paper" Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333
Folder 2: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Lida Finley Gribble Gift
Folder 3: Stonewall Jackson Ch. 1333, Memorials, Reports, Miscellaneous Papers
Folder 4: Stonewall Jackson Chapter, Yearly Reports, Rosters, and Credentials, 1960-1998
Folder 5: Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333 Charter Members, old lists
Folder 6: Stonewall Jackson Memorial
Folder 7: Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333, History
Folder 8: Stonewall Jackson Year Books, 1928-1951 plus one early and undated
Folder 9: Stonewall Jackson Year Books, 1951-1960
Folder 10: Stonewall Jackson Year Books, 1960-1970
Folder 11: Stonewall Jackson Year Books, 1970-1989
Folder 12: Various Convention Booklets
Folder 13: Stonewall Jackson Chapter Constitution and By-Laws
Folder 14: Stonewall Jackson Chapter District Meeting Notes and Programs

g. Box 7: Stonewall Jackson Chapter Scrapbook, oversized

h. Box 8: St. Albans Chapter Scrapbook, oversized

II. **Series II: Records**

i. Box 9: Applications and Demits

Folder 1: Alderson Chapter #1641
Folder 2: Bluefield Chapter #172

Folder 3: Bluefield Chapter #172
Folder 4: Charleston Chapter #151
Folder 5: Charleston Chapter #151
Folder 6: Charleston Chapter #151
Folder 7: Demits to Charleston #151
Folder 8: Charleston Chapter #151
Folder 9: Hedgesville Chapter #265
Folder 10: Fayetteville Julia Beckwith Neale Chapter #1071
Folder 11: Charles Town Lawson Botts Chapter #261
Folder 12: Randolph Chapter #267
Folder 13: Fairmont Robert E. Lee Chapter #1218
Folder 14: Beckley Robert E. Lee Chapter #2065
Folder 15: Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1333
Folder 16: Buffalo Putnam W. E. Fife Chapter #1168
Folder 17: William Stanley Haymond Chapter #1824

j. Box 10: UDC of WV Chapter Member Rosters, oversized

Folder 1: Clarksburg #1333
Folder 2: Clay #1214
Folder 3: Fairmont #1218 & 1824
Folder 4: Fayetteville #1071
Folder 5: Union #1233
Folder 6: Webster Springs #1560
Folder 7: Sutton #1864
Folder 8: St. Albans #1697
Folder 9: Shepherdstown #128
Folder 10: Romney #270
Folder 11: Princeton #1876
Folder 12: Petersburg #1807
Folder 13: Parkersburg #385
Folder 14: Oak Hill, Southern Cross #2000
Folder 15: Morgantown #950
Folder 16: Hinton #1559
Folder 17: Huntington #150
Folder 18: Kearneysville #231
Folder 19: Keyser, McNeill #948
Folder 20: Lewisburg #316
Folder 21: Marlinton #2023
Folder 22: Martinsburg #264
Folder 23: Buffalo, William E. Fife #1168
Folder 24: Charleston #151
Folder 25: Charles Town, Lawson Botts #261
Folder 26: Moorefield, Winnie Davis #263
Folder 27: Hedgesville #265
Folder 28: Randolph, Beverly-Elkins #267
Folder 29: Alderson #1641

Folder 30: Beckley
Folder 31: Bluefield #172

k. Box 11: Individual Member Cards, Arranged by Chapter

Alderson #1641
Berkeley County (Martinsburg)
Bluefield #172
Capt. E.D. Camden (Sutton) #1864
Charleston #151
Hedgesville #265
Hinton #1559
Huntington #150
Jackson-Lee (Huntington) #1706
Julia Beckwith Neale (Fayetteville)
Lawson-Botts (Charles Town)
Leetown (Kearneysville)
Lewisburg
McNeill #948 (Keyser)

l. Box 12: Individual Member Cards, Arranged by Chapter

Morgantown
Parkersburg #385
Pickett (Petersburg)
Pocahontas #2023 (Marlinton)
Princeton #1876
Randolph #267 (Beverly-Elkins)
Robert E. Lee #1218 (Fairmont)
Robert E. Lee #2065 (Beckley)
Romney
St. Albans #1697
Shepherdstown
Stonewall Jackson #1333 (Clarksburg)
Union
Webster County
William E. Fife (Buffalo)
William Stanley Haymond (Fairmont)
Winnie Davis (Moorefield)

III. **Series III: UDC Organization Materials**

m. Box 13: WV Division Annual Conventions

Folder 1: WV Division History, 1898-1998
Folder 2: WV Division Newsletters, Mailings
Folder 3: WV Division Undated By-Laws
Folder 4: WV Division 1957-1966 Handwritten Convention Minutes
Folder 5: WV Division 1984 Business & Executive Committee Minutes
Folder 6: WV Division 1985 Business Session Minutes

Folder 7: WV Division 1986 Business Session Minutes
Folder 8: WV Division 1986 Executive Reports
Folder 9: WV Division 1987 Chapter Reports
Folder 10: WV Division 1987 Officers Reports
Folder 11: WV Division 1987 Committee Reports
Folder 12: WV Division 1988 Chapter Reports
Folder 13: WV Division 1987 Business Session Minutes
Folder 14: WV Division 1988 Officer Reports
Folder 15: WV Division 1988 Committee Reports
Folder 16: WV Division 1988 Business Session Minutes
Folder 17: WV Division 1989 Chapter Reports
Folder 18: WV Division 1989 Officer Reports
Folder 19: WV Division 1989 Committee Reports
Folder 20: WV Division 1989 Business Session Minutes
Folder 21: WV Division 1990 Chapter Reports
Folder 22: WV Division 1990 Executive Minutes
Folder 23: WV Division 1990 Opening & Business Session Minutes
Folder 24: WV Division 1991 Convention Program & Memorials
Folder 25: WV Division 1991 Executive Board Minutes & Officers Reports
Folder 26: WV Division 1991 Chapter Reports
Folder 27: WV Division 1991 Committee Reports
Folder 28: WV Division UDC Directory 1992-1994
Folder 29: WV Division 1992 Minutes & Various Reports
Folder 30: WV Division 1993 Business & Executive Committee Meetings
Folder 31: WV Division 1994 Chapter Reports
Folder 32: WV Division 1994 Minutes & Officers Reports
Folder 33: WV Division 1995 Chapter Reports
Folder 34: WV Division 1995 Officers Reports
Folder 35: WV Division 1995 Executive Board Minutes
Folder 36: WV Division 1998 Meeting Minutes & Miscellaneous Papers
Folder 37: WV Division 1998 Various Reports
Folder 38: Annual General Convention, 1999, Convention Call & By-Laws
Folder 39: WV Division 1999 Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Folder 40: WV Division 1999 Various Reports
Folder 41: WV Division 2000 Chapter Reports
Folder 42: WV Division 2000 Committee & Executive Reports and Minutes
Folder 43: WV Division 2000 Graybeal Speech
Folder 44: WV Division 2001 Executive & Committee Reports
Folder 45: WV Division 2001 Chapter Reports & Rosters
Folder 46: WV Division 2002 Call to Convention & Proposed Amendments
Folder 47: WV Division 2002 Minutes
Folder 48: WV Division 2002 Credentials & Chapter Reports

Folder 49: WV Division 2002 Committee Reports
Folder 50: WV Division 2003 Chapter Reports
Folder 51: WV Division 2003 Executive Meeting & Committee Minutes and Reports
Folder 52: WV Division 2003 Amendments
Folder 53: WV Division 2003 Credentials, General Officers, Nominations
Folder 54: WV Division 2003 Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Folder 55: WV Division 2004 Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Folder 56: WV Division 2004 Convention Call, Registration Form, and Credential Blanks

n. Box 14: WV Division UDC Organization Materials

Folder 1: Pamphlets & Programs, WV Division and Various Chapters
Folder 2: National UDC Programs & Papers
Folder 3: WV Division UDC Conference Programs
Folder 4: WV Division UDC State Conference Programs, 1937-1997
Folder 5: WV Division Programs of Events (unveilings, dedications, etc.)
Folder 6: Yearbooks & Programs, Various WV Chapters
Folder 7: WV Division, 1957 Constitution & By-Laws
Folder 8: Memorial Service Programs, 1992, 1995
Folder 9: WV Division, 1967 Treasurer Correspondence
Folder 10: WV Division UDC Committee Reports
Folder 11: B. Dakan WV Division UDC Reports
Folder 12: WV Division, 1962-1963 Reports, Statistics, Histories
Folder 13: WV Div. UDC 1962 Yearly Reports
Folder 14: WV Division Financial Statements
Folder 15: UDC Mrs. Norman V Randolph Relief Fund
Folder 16: WV Division UDC Reports
Folder 17: WV Division UDC Rosters of Officers, etc.
Folder 18: WV Division History; Research Materials, Dakan Notes
Folder 19: Shepherdstown Chapter #128 History
Folder 20: State Convention Scrapbook
Folder 21: WV UDC Scripts (presiding officer)
Folder 22: WV Division 1977 Annual Convention Notes
Folder 23: WV Division UDC Centennial Celebration
Folder 24: WV Division UDC Presidents Newsletters
Folder 25: WV Division UDC Real Granddaughters' Club
Folder 26: Real Daughters and Historian's Lists
Folder 27: WV Division Newspaper Clippings
Folder 28: Newspaper Articles
Folder 29: Printed Material: Newspaper clippings, pamphlets, etc.
Folder 30: Program Material: Printed articles, etc.
Folder 31: Program Material: Original
Folder 32: Photographs
Folder 33: U.S. Department of Interior, Park Service, Harpers Ferry
Folder 34: Betty Dakan Correspondence

Folder 35: John S. Dennison Permission for Leave, 1865
Folder 36: Woodyard Letter, 1849
Folder 37: WV Division UDC Correspondence
Folder 38: Other Confederate Patriotic Societies

o. Box 15: WV Division UDC Organization Materials

Folder 1: Annual Convention Booklets
Folder 2: Minute Book 68th Annual Convention 1966
Folder 3: Betty Dakan Inventory (1998?)
Folder 4: Chapter Charter Applications
Folder 5: Correspondence 1963-1974
Folder 6: Expenses 1964 & unknown
Folder 7: Telegram, 1966
Folder 8: Programs, District Meetings, 1954 & 1961
Folder 9: Membership Rosters 1928, 1931-1932
Folder 10: CSA Soldiers' Records & Rosters
Folder 11: UDC Chapter Roster
Folder 12: Photograph of grave of Stonewall Jackson's Arm
Folder 13: Lawson-Botts Charles Town Chapter Controversy, 1976
Folder 14: Various Histories